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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, what is the necessity for subsidizing any particular paper, while there are so many newspapers representing different points of view? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I wonder where the hon. Member got the information that the Government are subsidizing any particular newspaper."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Director of Industries is aware of the definition of industries entitled to state-aid under the State Aid to Industries Act, when he entertains such applications? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" He is expected to know his duties, Sir."

Admissions into medical colleges.

* 72 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any changes have been recently made in the rules governing admissions into medical colleges and if so, what they are;

(*b*) whether any selection committee was appointed and if so, who the members of the committee are;

(*c*) whether the list prepared by the committee was subject to scrutiny by Government before it was finalized;

(*d*) whether the Government reserved a certain number of places to be filled up by their nominees and if so, on what principles the Government made their nominations; and

(*e*) what the districtwar representation of selected candidates according to communities is?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" (*a*) copies [a] of G.Os. No. 2381, P.H., dated 30th June 1949 and No. 2568, P.H., dated 16th July 1949, in which certain modifications were made to the rules governing admissions to medical colleges are placed on the table.

" (*b*) The selection committee was constituted of the Principals of the Medical Colleges and the following three non-official members:—

(1) Sri A. V. Raman, Editor, *Peoples' Health*, Madras.

(2) Sri C. Subramaniam, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Coimbatore.

(3) Sri B. Anantachar, B.A., B.L., M.L.A., Hospet.

The Principal, Madras Medical College, was the Chairman.

" (*c*) The list prepared by the committee was not scrutinized by Government, but it was scrutinized by the Surgeon-General before it was finalized.

" (*d*) Six seats have been reserved to be filled up by the Surgeon-General, at his discretion, in consultation with

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Government. These seats have been filled up in consultation with the Surgeon-General, on the basis of merit as well as various other considerations, including communal, sex and language.

"(e) A statement showing the districtwar representation of selected candidates according to communities is placed on the table."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, with reference to G.O. No. 2381, P.H., dated 20th June 1949 how many vacancies occurred due to the want of suitable candidates from particular communities and how many of such vacancies have been filled up on merit in addition to the six seats which are reserved to be filled by the Surgeon-General?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"I would request the hon. Member to put a separate question to enable me to obtain details in regard to these points."

Dr. P. S. SRINIVASAN:—"Is it not a fact, Sir, that the Government have been complaining about the dearth of doctors, whenever we mention about the inadequacy of medical relief in the districts?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"There is no doubt about the fact, Sir, that we are lacking in sufficient medical personnel at present to provide adequate medical relief to the people. But as far as possible, we are trying to fill up vacancies whenever they occur, and see that the medical institutions are carried on, but yet some hospitals and dispensaries had to be closed down for want of doctors."

Dr. P. S. SRINIVASAN:—"Will the Government bring forward concrete proposals to increase the number of admissions to medical colleges and at the same time the number of medical colleges in the Province?"

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN:—"The question of admission of more students to the medical colleges is a very complex problem in this Province, and as I have already answered to a previous question, it depends upon so many factors and considerations. In the first place, it is difficult to admit candidates from all communities, because we have laid down certain rules for the admission of candidates according to communities and territories, from which they come. Best possible efforts are being made to secure desirable candidates. In the second place, there is the difficulty about getting the number of qualified doctors to meet the requirements of the Government. No doubt, the Medical Colleges to-day are overcrowded. What we really want is, more medical colleges and for that purpose, it is the Madras University that has got to give us the necessary support in this matter."

Sri B. BHIMA RAO:—"Is there any percentage fixed for the admission of lady students to the Medical colleges, Sir?"

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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There is no definite percentage fixed, Sir, for the admission of lady students, but I may assure hon. Members that as far as possible, we are giving every encouragement and support to all deserving lady candidates, seeking admission to these medical colleges."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Are not representations being made about the dearth of women medical officers in the Province, and that more women students should be admitted to the medical colleges, Sir? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" There has been no special representation either for more women medical officers or for others. There is, of course, the dearth of both men and women doctors in the province and as I have already stated, the Government were obliged to close down some hospitals and dispensaries owing to lack of adequate medical personnel."

DR. SYED TAJUDDIN :—" May I know, Sir, the percentage of girl students to boy students in the Medical Colleges? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Notice is required for that, Sir."

Management of the Government House Estate.

* 73 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—: Will the Hon the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) what arrangements have been made for the management of the Government House Estate, Mount Road;

(*b*) whether the Rajaji Hall is let out for meetings, music parties, etc.;

(*c*) whether any rules have been framed containing the conditions on which the Hall is available;

(*d*) who the authority competent to let out the Hall is;

(*e*) whether there is a P.W.D. subdivision in charge of the estate and the buildings therein;

(*f*) whether in addition, a post of Superintendent of the Estate has been created and if so, what his functions and emoluments are;

(*g*) who the present incumbent of the post is:

(*h*) whether he satisfies the qualifications, if any, prescribed for the post;

(*i*) whether the post was advertised for, before it was filled up;

(*j*) whether the buildings in the estate are let out for purposes of residence and if so, who the assigning authority is;

(*k*) whether the Government have received complaints that the estate is in a neglected state; and

(*l*) what steps have been taken by the Government to maintain the buildings and the garden in proper condition?